

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Ex Parte Quayle Action dated August 24, 2005. In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that the application was in condition for allowance, with the exception of claims 1, 19, and 20. Each of these claims included the limitation "without substantial buffering," wherein the word "substantial" rendered the claims indefinite. During a telephone interview conducted October 20, 2005, the undersigned attorney discussed this issue with the Examiner. It was agreed that each of claims 1, 19, and 20 were to be amended to remove the language "and without substantial buffering" at the end of each claim. However, the Examiner needed to verify with his Primary that the claims would be in condition for allowance. During a second telephone call on October 24, 2005, the Examiner informed the undersigned attorney that entry of this proposed amendment would require a new search. Accordingly, applicant requests entry of the claim amendments herein so to further prosecution of the application.

If there are any informalities or questions that can be addressed via telephone, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at (206) 292-8601.

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Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fee(s) that may be due in this matter, and please credit the same deposit account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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